



South Florida Water Management District

Governing Board Special Meeting(2) MEETING MINUTES

September 23, 2008

5:15 PM

District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium

3301 Gun Club Road

West Palm Beach, FL 33406

Public Hearing on FY2009 Final Millages and Final Budget

Members Present:

Eric Buermann

Shannon Estenoz

Patrick Rooney

Michael Collins

Melissa Meeker

Charles Dauray

Jerry Montgomery

Members Absent:

Paul C. Huck Jr.

1. Call meeting to Order - Eric Buermann, Chairman, Governing Board

Chair Buermann called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.

Note: Governing Board member Michael Collins was in attendance at the meeting via teleconference at 5:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance - Eric Buermann, Chairman, Governing Board

Chair Buermann led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2008, Public Hearing on the FY2008-09 Tentative Millages and Tentative Budget, meeting held in West Palm Beach, Florida

Motion made by Melissa Meeker, seconded by Shannon Estenoz, to approve the minutes from September 10, 2008 (Agenda Item 3). Vote called. Voting yes. Eric Buermann, Charles Dauray, Shannon Estenoz, Melissa Meeker, Jerry Montgomery, Patrick Rooney. Not present: Michael Collins, Paul Huck. Motion passed 6-0.

4. Changes to Agenda - Annette Carter, Director, Office of Governing Board and Executive Services

Annette Carter, Director of Governing Board and Executive service announced there were no changes to the agenda.

5. Explanation of the percentage increase, if any, in millage over rolled back rate necessary to fund the budget and the specific purpose for which ad valorem tax revenues are being increased - Doug Bergstrom, Director, Budget Division

Doug Bergstrom, Division Director, Budget, announced the proposed final rate, the rolled back rate, and percentage change for each of the District millage rates - all were recommended at a level below the rolled back rate. Based on that there was no increase in taxes to be discussed.

6. Presentation of the final FY2009 budget - Doug Bergstrom, Director, Budget Division

Mr. Bergstrom presented an overview of the final FY2008-09 budget and reported that the final budget is \$2,974,417,619.

Mr. Bergstrom noted the letter from Senator JD Alexander dated 9/3/08 and the response by the District dated 9/23/08 will be part of the official records of this meeting.

7. Public Comment

Public Comment: Sonny Clayton, South Dade Soil & Water Conservation District, waived his time to Mr. David DeMaio.

Public Comment: David DeMaio, Palm Beach Soil & Water Conservation District, thanked Terrie Bates for listening to his concerns about the loss of funding for the Mobile Irrigation Labs (MILs) Program. He also commented on water restrictions and regulatory enforcement.

Public Comment: Melanie Peterson, Palm Beach Soil & Water Conservation District, commented on a proposal for funding an urban MIL Program. She provided the proposal to the Board members.

Public Comment: Robert Perez, MIL South Dade, stated the MILs are a valuable tool for water conservation.

Ms. Meeker commented on bridge funding and water conservation programs with the local utilities.

Chair Buermann provided comment on the initial funding for the MIL Program.

Mr. Dauray commented on budget constraints and obtaining matching funds of agricultural MILs with Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACs). He requested that the FY2010 budget, include a cap of \$50,000 per unit.

Ms. Estenoz commented on budget constraints, water conservation and the Water Savings Incentive Program (SIP) Program.

Mr. Dauray provided comment on budget constraints for the next fiscal year.

Mr. Rooney commented on possibly reconsidering the program next fiscal year.

Ms. Peterson provided comment on the Water SIP and MIL Programs and water conservation in urban areas.

Ms. Estenoz commented on consumptive use permits (CUP), water conservation and working with the local utilities.

Mr. Merriam commented on water conservation efforts in Miami-Dade County.

8. **2008-990B** A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District approving the Final Millage Rates for the South Florida Water Management District, the Okeechobee Basin of the South Florida Water Management District, and the Everglades Construction Project within the Okeechobee Basin for fiscal year 2009; providing an effective date.

Motion made by Shannon Estenoz, seconded by Charles Dauray, to approve Resolution No. 2008-990B (Agenda Item 8). Vote called. Voting yes. Eric Buermann, Michael Collins, Charles Dauray, Shannon Estenoz, Melissa Meeker, Jerry Montgomery, Patrick Rooney. Not present: Paul Huck. Motion passed 7-0.

9. **2008-991B** A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District approving the Final Millage Rates for the South Florida Water Management District and the Big Cypress Basin of the South Florida Water Management District for the fiscal year 2009; providing an effective date.

Motion made by Jerry Montgomery, seconded by Shannon Estenoz, to approve Resolution No. 2008-991B (Agenda Item 9). Vote called. Voting yes. Eric Buermann, Michael Collins, Charles Dauray, Shannon Estenoz, Melissa Meeker, Jerry Montgomery, Patrick Rooney. Not present: Paul Huck. Motion passed 7-0.

10. **2008-992B** A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District adopting the Final Budget and Work Plan for fiscal year 2009; providing an effective date.

Motion made by Shannon Estenoz, seconded by Jerry Montgomery, to approve Resolution No. 2008-992B (Agenda Item 10). Vote called. Voting yes. Eric Buermann, Michael Collins, Charles Dauray, Shannon Estenoz, Melissa Meeker, Jerry Montgomery, Patrick Rooney. Not present: Paul Huck. Motion passed 7-0.

11. **Public Comment**

There was no additional public comment.

12. **Board Comment**

Mr. Dauray asked about the Big Cypress Basin Board budget.

Frank Bartolone, Sr. Specialist Attorney, addressed the statutory authority of the Board members regarding the Big Cypress Basin Board budget.

13. Adjourn

Chair Buermann adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm.

Motion made by Shannon Estenoz, seconded by Jerry Montgomery to adjourn the meeting. Vote called. Voting yes: Eric Buermann, Michael Collins, Charles Dauray, Shannon Estenoz, Melissa Meeker, Jerry Montgomery, Patrick Rooney. Not present: Paul Huck. Motion passed 7-0.

Eric Buermann
Governing Board Chairman
South Florida Water Management District Governing Board

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